

City Scoop



SIGN CODE OPEN HOUSE 6/15

Help shape the city's sign code by attending an open house at City Hall on Thursday, June 15 from 6-7 p.m. and learn more about amendments to the city's sign code relating to the display of temporary and permanent signs. It has been 15 years since the city updated its sign regulations, and the manner and types of signage we now see in our community has changed. Covington adopted an interim sign code in 2016 after a recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling regarding signs to ensure the city's sign regulations are constitutional. The city will be adopting a final permanent sign code which will include provisions for both temporary and permanent signs to ensure the needs of the community and legal requirements are met.



Please visit www.covingtonwa.gov/signcode.php for more information or contact Community Development Director Richard Hart at 253-480-2441 or rhart@covingtonwa.gov, or Associate Planner Brian Bykonen at 253-480-2448 with questions.

PLAY UNPLUGGED THIS SUMMER

The City, in partnership with the Covington Chamber of Commerce, bring you the Play Unplugged Program this summer. Keep the kids busy and avoid boredom by completing a variety of activities from catching bugs, going for a swim, playing catch or even paying a visit to your City Hall. Completing these activities will earn the kids brag badges from participating businesses.

Lanyards used to collect brag badges will be passed out to students in Covington schools at the end of the school year. Other interested Covington kids can stop by City Hall for a lanyard as well. Learn more about the program, brag badges, and how to participate as a kid or a business at www.weplayunplugged.com.

Household Hazardous Wastemobile

June 9-11
10 a.m.-5 p.m.

at Fire Station 75
15635 SE 272nd



For a list of acceptable materials, visit www.hazwastehelp.org

REC & ATHLETICS NEWS

RECREATION

Registration is now open for Summer camps and programs through our recreation department. There is something for everyone including: Kidz Love Soccer, Kentwood Track Camp, Skyhawks Sports Camps, Bricks 4 Kidz Camps, Safe at Home, Super Sitters, Xtreme Speed Clinic, Atavus Rugby Camp, EBI Basketball Camp, Covington Children's Chorus, Dance Camp, Gymnastics Camp, and Camp Adventure for middle school students. Register early as many of these programs fill up. Visit our website for registration information www.covingtonwa.gov/recreation.

Outdoor Family Concert 8/18 – Casper Babypants

Join us at Covington Community Park on Friday, August 18 for Covington's Outdoor Family Concert featuring children's music artist Casper Babypants. Music begins at 6:30 p.m. Check out Casper Babypants music at www.babypantsmusic.com.

Outdoor Family Movie 8/25 – Moana

Join us on Friday, August 25 from 8:30-10:45 p.m. for our annual Outdoor Family Movie event at Kentwood High School. Come dressed in your Hawaiian attire and prepare to voyage across the sea with Moana as she sails to restore the heart of Te Fiti.

ATHLETICS

Registration for Fall Soccer League and Fall Volleyball is now open! Our soccer league offers divisions for 2-year-olds through 8th graders, with games held on Saturdays in September and October. One weekday evening practice per week is held and determined by the volunteer coach.

Fall Volleyball is being offered to 2nd-9th graders with games held on Saturdays at Cedar Heights Middle School in November and December. One weekday evening practice per week is held and determined by the volunteer coach.

Volunteer coaches are always needed. If you can help out with soccer, please email our Athletics Specialist Sean Conway for a coaching application at athletics@covingtonwa.gov.



AQUATIC CENTER UPDATE

STAY SAFE AND COOL THIS SUMMER!

As the temperature gets warmer, our community will flock to the water to cool off, but it is important to remember that the water that we love so much can be hazardous. When the air temperature heats up in early summer, the water below the surface can still be chilly and drain the energy of even strong swimmers.



Please remember to be safe in, on, and around the water, and follow some basic water safety tips:

- Swim with a buddy in a supervised area – don't swim alone, and swim under the supervision of a trained lifeguard!
- Parents: Watch the water! Designate someone to be the "water watcher" anytime that children are playing in the water. That person should not be on their phone, reading, or engaged in any activity other than watching the children play safely.
- Wear a Lifejacket! Floaties are fun, but they are for play, not safety. Type I & Type II Coast Guard approved lifejackets are designed to turn an unconscious person face up in the water. Make sure that lifejackets are fitted and worn properly, and they can save lives! Remember, though, that lifejackets are not a substitution for supervision in the water.

The Covington Aquatic Center is offering a free water safety awareness event on Saturday, June 24, from 1-3 p.m. There will be free swimming, water safety games and activities, and the annual Covington Splashtacular Contest – a cannonball contest with great prizes for the winners in each age category!

WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO WORK AT THE POOL?

The Covington Aquatic Center is hiring certified American Red Cross Lifeguards and Water Safety Instructors. To become certified, a lifeguard must complete an American Red Cross Lifeguard Training Course which are offered throughout the country and the region, and at the Covington Aquatic Center.



There are several different opportunities for part-time Lifeguard and Instructor positions at the Covington Aquatic Center with variable hours. Staff gain incredible rescue, first-aid, work and life skills, and experiences through regular practice

and training. Anyone looking for an interesting and challenging employment opportunity can find more information about all City of Covington job openings on the city's website at www.covingtonwa.gov/city_departments/executive/personneland_humanservices/joblistings.php.

FREE MINOR HOME REPAIR

The City's Minor Home Repair Program has provided repairs for dozens of low to moderate income homeowners. There are current opportunities to apply for a Minor Home Repair grant with the City of Covington. This program is funded by a Community Development Block Grant and provides free home repair for eligible minor home repair projects like repairing or replacing hot water heaters, gutter damage, and other types of problems.



To be eligible, the home must be owner-occupied and located within city limits. There is a one-year residency requirement and homeowners must have no plans to sell their home within a year. Owners must also be income eligible according to HUD income guidelines.

Income eligibility is determined by total gross annual income of ALL household members:

- Family size of one with income up to \$50,400
- Family size of two with income up to \$57,600
- Family size of three with income up to \$64,800
- Family size of four with income up to \$72,000
- Family size of five with income up to \$77,800

If you are a Covington homeowner in need of home repair don't hesitate to call today for a brief phone screening at 253-480-2411.

2017 CALENDAR

COVINGTON EVENTS

June 24	Summer Splashtacular - 1-3 p.m. Covington Aquatic Center
July 15 & 16	Covington Days Festival Sat 10a.m.-7 p.m. & Sun 10 a.m.-5 p.m. 169th Place SE & Valley Med North Parking Lot
July 21, 28 & Aug 4	Summer Concerts in the Park - 6:30-8 p.m. Covington Community Park
August 12	Covington KidsFest - 10 a.m. -2 p.m. Kohl's North Lot
August 18	Outdoor Family Concert - 6:30-7:30 p.m. Covington Community Park
August 19	3rd Annual Sausage and CiderFest - 3-7 p.m. Covington Community Park
August 25	Covington's 20th Birthday Party - 6-8 p.m. Kentwood High School Baseball Field Outdoor Family Movie "Moana" - 8:30-10:45 p.m. Kentwood High School Baseball Field
September 16	Summer's End Fun Run - 8:30 a.m.-noon Kentwood High School
September 30	Purple Light Nights® Tree Lighting Kick-off 5k 5:30p.m.; Free Hot Dogs 6:30 p.m.; Lighting 7 p.m. Located next to Pier 1 Imports
October 27	HallowTeen Dance - 6-8:30 p.m. Cedar Heights Middle School Commons
October 28	Spooky Swim - 5-6:30 p.m. & 7-8:30 p.m. Covington Aquatic Center
October 31	Halloween Swim - 7-9 p.m. Covington Aquatic Center
December 2, 9 & 16	Hollydaze Float-In Movie - 6-8 p.m. Covington Aquatic Center
December 2	Hollydaze and Holiday Tree Lighting Reindeer Dash 8:30 a.m.; Pancake Breakfast 9 a.m.; Craft Bazaar 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; Tree Lighting 4-6 p.m.
December 13	SeaHorse's Birthday Covington Aquatic Center

Get all the details at www.covingtonwa.gov/events

*Dates and times are subject to change. Please verify the day of event.



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